MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ കണക്കനുസരിച്ച് ൩൦,൦൦൦ ടണ്ണാളം വേണ്ടിവരും.

MR. P. K KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*): May I know for how many days this quantity of rice would suffice?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: For about 3 weeks.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know how much more quantity is likely to arrive?

MR. K. R NARAYANA AIYAR: I am glad to say that Government have received intimation to the effect that 9000 tons of rice from Sind will arrive very shortly *i. e.* in about three days time and one ship "Jayalakshmi" has brought 6000 tons of rice today from Burma.

PRESIDENT: I think it is a matter for gratification that from today practically the scarcity will be definitely on the decrease. From this week there will be regular shipments of rice. That is what the Government of India says in the matter.

Purchase of food grains.

160. *MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount spent by the Government for the purchase of food-grains till the end of 1121;

(*b*) the total amount realised by the sale of food-grains by the Government: and

(*c*) whether there was an audit of the accounts of the purchase and sale of food-grains by the Government?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) Rs. 26,74,90,782-21-6 to the end of 9/1121 (excluding overhead and other charges.)

(*b*) Rs. 27,00,29,721-16-2 to the end of 9/1121.

(*c*) The accounts are being audited.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know when the audit work commenced?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Some seven months ago.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: I want the particular date when the audit work commenced?

MR K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I have not got the date, Sir.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I take it that preparation of the accounts is complete?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I may say that the audit of the accounts up to the year 1120 is practically complete and the statement will be ready in 3 months' time.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Then, may I know how was the audit work started before the completion of the accounts?

PRESIDENT: There was the year 1120; there is another year 1121. Audit for the year 1120 could be started during the subsequent year and that is taking place now.

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MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether there was a statement of accounts prepared for 1119?

MR. K. R NARAYANA AIYAR: Accounts have been prepared from the commencement of the work for every year and what is being done is a regular audit of those figures for the preparation of balance sheet.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Am I to take it there was the preparation of accounts from year to year but there was no audit from year to year?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Audit is being done under the supervision of a special staff on a comprehensive basis from the commencement.

MR. P. O THOMAS: My question was whether there was the preparation of accounts from year to year but no audit from year to year? Am I right?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I have already stated that accounts have been prepared and kept from the commencement and audit is being done by a separate staff.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: My question was whether there was any audit of accounts in the years 1119, 1120 and 1121?

PRESIDENT: The honourable member wishes to know whether there was a concurrent audit?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No, Sir.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Can I take it that according to the figures now presented the transactions have resulted in a profit of 25·38 lakhs in the matter of purchase of food grains?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It cannot be taken like that. The actual amount of profit can be ascertained only after making certain adjustments, payment of replacement cost and the like relating to purchase of food grains from different centres.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: What will be the approximate amount that may be required for making adjustments?

PRESIDENT: We are likely to get a small profit of Rs. 10 lakhs.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know what are the items under "overhead charges"?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Certain officers have been appointed in the Food Department. Salaries and travelling expenses as well as other supervision charges are the items referred to.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: In view of the fact that we may get a small profit may I ask why not Government think of giving a better price for the local paddy?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: That can be decided only after the accounts have been completely audited, and the results known.

Shortage of rice.

161. *MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government are aware of the seriousness of the food situation arising from the shortage of rice supply

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